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Section 3
Political affairs

(Programme 1 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005)

Overview

3.1 The Department of Political Affairs is responsible for the implementation of the work programme of this section. The legislative authority for the programme derives from the Charter of the United Nations, the pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly and the mandates of the Security Council. The activities for which the Department is responsible fall under the various subprogrammes of programme 1, Political affairs, of the revised medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

3.2 The overall goal of the Department is to assist States involved in disputes or conflicts to resolve their differences in accordance with the principles of the Charter and resolutions of the United Nations and, wherever possible, to prevent conflicts from arising or escalating through preventive diplomacy and peacemaking. To achieve this goal, the Department assists in the prevention, control and resolution of conflicts, including post-conflict peace-building; provides electoral assistance to Member States, at their request and in accordance with the relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Security Council; and provides secretariat services and substantive support to the General Assembly in connection with the activities of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Security Council and other related intergovernmental bodies.

3.3 In its capacity as the lead department on the subject of terrorism, the Department will work closely with the Centre for International Crime Prevention and with other relevant departments within the Secretariat in the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001). It will also work closely with other relevant parts of the United Nations system to provide support, as necessary, to the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa, and to other General Assembly bodies.

3.4 During the biennium 2004-2005, the Department will continue to focus on the reinforcement of the Organization's capacity for early warning, good offices and non-military measures to prevent disputes from escalating into conflicts and for the resolution of conflicts that have erupted, while fully respecting the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of Member States. It will continue to fulfil its responsibility as the focal point for post-conflict peace-building activities. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/137 of 17 December 1991, the Department will continue to provide the Secretary-General with advice and support on electoral assistance matters and to ensure appropriate consideration of and response to Member States' request for such assistance. It will strengthen its cooperation with the regional organizations and incorporate the gender perspective in its data collection, research and analysis activities. The Department, through its Security Council Affairs Division, will provide significant substantive and secretariat services to the Security Council in the light of the Council's increasing number of fact-finding and assessment missions away from Headquarters, as well as the periodic missions of the chairpersons of the sanctions committees to the countries concerned. Sustained efforts will be made to complete the twelfth Supplement to the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council*. The Department will also continue to provide assistance to the Palestinian Authority through an annual training programme for staff of the Authority prepared and conducted by the Division for Palestinian Rights. Through the Electoral Assistance Division, the Department will also coordinate

support of international observers, design electoral-specific projects aimed at developing or enhancing the capacity of national electoral authorities, particularly in the areas of gender mainstreaming and modernization of electoral processes, and undertake technical assistance missions to support field projects in support of electoral activities.

3.5 The resources for the Department of Political Affairs are presented under section A, with a total requirement of $53,934,600. The increase of just under $6.0 million reflects the transfer of resources relating to the secretariat for the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism (Counter-Terrorism Committee) and its functions from the provision for special political missions and their incorporation within the Department of Political Affairs, as well as the request for a new P-4 post under subprogramme 1, Prevention, control and resolution of conflicts, and a reclassification of a General Service (Other level) post in the Information Management Team in the Executive Office to the Principal level. The new P-4 post is required in order to enable the Department to respond to the increased demand for close monitoring and political analysis, as well as to support the Secretary-General's good offices efforts in the Latin American region. The proposal for reclassification of one General Service (Other level) post to the Principal level is made in the light of the additional functions relating to coordination of information technology requirements of the Department, including a dedicated help desk, information technology, training and maintenance service. The proposals also include increases in non-post resources for consultants, mainly for supporting the work of the Counter-Terrorism Committee, travel, general operating expenses, contractual services and furniture and equipment, partly offset by reduced requirements under general temporary assistance.

3.6 Section B of the proposed programme budget for the Department of Political Affairs contains the provision for special political missions. By its resolution 57/280 of 20 December 2002, the General Assembly decided to include an amount of up to $170,000,000 for special political missions related to peace and security that are expected to be extended or approved in the course of the biennium 2004-2005. By its resolution 57/292 of 20 December 2002, the Assembly also endorsed the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.17, para. 20) to streamline and integrate, where appropriate, the secretariat support capacity to entities established by the Security Council. Accordingly, resources amounting to $4,398,600 relating to secretariat support for the Counter-Terrorism Committee, which has an open-ended mandate, are proposed for integration in the biennium 2004-2005 within the Department of Political Affairs, with the reduction of a corresponding amount under the provision for special political missions. An additional amount of $374,900 in common support costs for that office is consolidated under section 29D, Common support services, with the reduction of a corresponding amount under the provision for special political missions.

3.7 Similarly, in the context of the implementation of action 18 of the report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change (A/57/387) on the consolidation of resources and functions of the Adviser for Special Assignments in Africa and the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries, resources amounting to $2,048,400, relating to the Adviser for Special Assignments in Africa, are proposed for integration within section 11, Africa: New Agenda for Development, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, with a corresponding reduction under the provision for special political missions.

3.8 With the transfer of resources relating to secretariat support for the Counter-Terrorism Committee and the Adviser for Special Assignments and the corresponding reductions in the provision for special political missions, the amount of resources identified for political missions related to peace and security that are expected to be extended or approved in the course of the biennium 2004-2005 is $163,178,100.

3.9 The requirements for the Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process indicated under section C amount to $11,234,100, reflecting a growth of $1,024,200. The increase relates to the establishment of six new posts (1 P-3, 1 Field Service, and 4 General Service (Local level)). In addition there are increases under general operating expenses, furniture and equipment and travel, with most of the increases relating to the need for strengthening security services in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

3.10 The overall level of resources of the section as a whole for the biennium 2004-2005 amounts to $228,346,800 before recosting, comprising the resources for the Department of Political Affairs ($53,934,600); the provision for special political missions ($163,178,100); and the resources for the Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process ($11,234,100). The overall resources for the section reflect a net decrease of $23,203 500, compared to the revised appropriation for the biennium 2002-2003, consisting of an increase of $5,983,900 in the Department of Political Affairs; an increase of $1,024,200 under Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process; and a decrease of $30,211,600 under the provision for special political missions.

3.11 The Department's main expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement for the biennium 2004-2005 are detailed, together with required resources, under the programme of work, as well as under executive direction and management. The overall framework of these expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement is shown in table 3.1.

Table 3.1 **Framework of expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement by component**

Component	*Number of expected accomplishments*	*Number of indicators of achievement*
A. Executive direction and management	4	7
B. Programme of work		
Subprogramme 1. Prevention, control and resolution of conflicts	1	2
Subprogramme 2. Electoral assistance	1	2
Subprogramme 3. Security Council affairs	1	1
Subprogramme 4. Decolonization	3	4
Subprogramme 5. Question of Palestine	1	2
C. Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process	2	3
Total	**13**	**21**

3.12 During the biennium, extrabudgetary resources, estimated at $10,905,400, will be utilized to supplement substantive activities in the areas of preventive diplomacy, conflict resolution, peacemaking, peace-building and electoral assistance.

3.13 The issue of publications as a part of the programme of work has been reviewed in the context of each subprogramme. It is anticipated that recurrent and non-recurrent publications will be issued as shown below in table 3.2 and as distributed in the output information for each subprogramme.

Table 3.2 **Summary of publications**

Publications	*2000-2001 actual*	*2002-2003 estimate*	*2004-2005 estimate*
Recurrent	38	119	118
Non-recurrent	2	5	5
Total	**40**	**124**	**123**

3.14 The estimated percentage distribution of resources in the biennium 2004-2005 under section 3 of the programme budget would be as follows:

Table 3.3 **Percentage distribution of resources by component**

Component	*Regular budget*	*Extrabudgetary*
A. Department of Political Affairs		
1. Policy-making organs		
Security Council	0.1	-
Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People	-	-
Subtotal, 1	**0.1**	**-**
2. Executive direction and management	3.0	-
3. Programme of work		
Prevention, control and resolution of conflicts	7.9	69.6
Electoral assistance	1.6	8.9
Security Council affairs	6.5	1.7
Decolonization	0.5	-
Question of Palestine	2.2	-
Subtotal, 3	**18.7**	**80.2**
4. Programme support	1.8	1.1
Subtotal, A	**23.6**	**81.3**
B. Special political missions	71.5	18.7
C. Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process	4.9	-
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

3.15 The overall reduction of regular budget resources at the section level amounts to $23,203,500, or 9.2 per cent at 2002-2003 rates.

Table 3.4 Resource requirements by component

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component	2000-2001 expenditure	2002-2003 appropriation	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	2004-2005 estimate
			Amount	Percentage			
A. Department of Political Affairs	41 600.5	47 950.7	5 983.9	12.4	53 934.6	3 596.0	57 530.6
B. Special political missions	109 795.1	193 389.7	(30 211.6)	(15.6)	163 178.1	7 258.9	170 437.0
C. United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process	7 167.7	10 209.9	1 024.2	10.0	11 234.1	953.9	12 188.0
Total	**158 563.3**	**251 550.3**	**(23 203.5)**	**(9.2)**	**228 346.8**	**11 808.8**	**240 155.6**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

	2000-2001 expenditure	2002-2003 estimate	2004-2005 estimate
Total	**11 173.2**	**14 361.3**	**10 905.4**
Total (1) and (2)	**169 736.5**	**265 911.6**	**251 061.0**

Table 3.5 Post requirements

Category	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts				Total	
			Regular budget		Extrabudgetary			
	2002-2003	2004-2005	2002-2003	2004-2005	2002-2003	2004-2005	2002-2003	2004-2005
Professional and above								
USG	1	1	1	1	-	-	2	2
ASG	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
D-2	6	6	1	1	-	-	7	7
D-1	13	13	-	-	-	-	13	13
P-5	28	28	6	7	-	-	34	35
P-4/3	57	58	11	13	-	-	68	71
P-2/1	10	10	-	1	-	-	10	11
Subtotal	**117**	**118**	**19**	**23**	**-**	**-**	**136**	**141**
General Service								
Principal level	5	6	1	1	-	-	6	7
Other level	79	78	3	8	-	-	82	86
Subtotal	**84**	**84**	**4**	**9**	**-**	**-**	**88**	**93**
Other categories								
Security Service	-	-	5	6	-	-	5	6
Local level	-	-	18	22	-	-	18	22
Field Service	-	-	4	4	-	-	4	4
Subtotal	**-**	**-**	**27**	**32**	**-**	**-**	**27**	**32**
Total	**201**	**202**	**50**	**64**	**-**	**-**	**251**	**266**

A. Department of Political Affairs

Resource requirements (before recosting): $53,934,600

Table 3.6 **Resource requirements by component**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component	*2000-2001 expenditure*	*2002-2003 appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2004-2005 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
1. Policy-making organs							
(a) Security Council	27.3	69.8	131.3	188.1	201.1	9.0	210.1
(b) Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People	40.3	58.6	-	-	58.6	2.6	61.2
2. Executive direction and management	4 732.7	6 448.5	453.4	7.0	6 901.9	486.2	7 388.1
3. Programme of work							
(a) Prevention, control and resolution of conflicts	15 736.3	17 321.2	557.1	3.2	17 878.3	1 291.8	19 170.1
(b) Electoral assistance	2 979.6	3 575.2	74.3	2.0	3 649.5	263.2	3 912.7
(c) Security Council affairs	9 156.3	10 353.3	4 518.3	43.6	14 871.6	931.5	15 803.1
(d) Decolonization	905.6	1 177.1	-	-	1 177.1	93.1	1 270.2
(e) Question of Palestine	4 571.0	5 135.1	(70.4)	(1.3)	5 064.7	302.8	5 367.5
4. Programme support	3 451.4	3 811.9	319.9	8.3	4 131.8	215.8	4 347.6
Total	**41 600.5**	**47 950.7**	**5 983.9**	**12.4**	**53 934.6**	**3 596.0**	**57 530.6**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

	2000-2001 expenditure	*2002-2003 estimate*	*2004-2005 estimate*
Total	**5 062.8**	**12 325.2**	**8 869.3**
Total (1) and (2)	**46 663.3**	**60 275.9**	**66 399.9**

Table 3.7 **Post requirements**

Category	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts: Regular budget		Temporary posts: Extrabudgetary		Total	
	2002-2003	2004-2005	2002-2003	2004-2005	2002-2003	2004-2005	2002-2003	2004-2005
Professional and above								
USG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
ASG	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
D-2	6	6	-	-	-	-	6	6
D-1	13	13	-	-	-	-	13	13
P-5	28	28	-	1	-	-	28	29
P-4/3	57	58	-	1	-	-	57	59
P-2/1	10	10	-	1	-	-	10	11
Subtotal	**117**	**118**	**-**	**3**	**-**	**-**	**117**	**121**
General Service								
Principal level	5	6	-	-	-	-	5	6
Other level	79	78	2	7	-	-	81	85
Subtotal	**84**	**84**	**2**	**7**	**-**	**-**	**86**	**91**
Total	**201**	**202**	**2**	**10**	**-**	**-**	**203**	**212**

1. Policy-making organs

(a) Security Council

Resource requirements (before recosting): $201.100

3.16 The Security Council, one of the principal organs of the United Nations, was established under Article 7 of the Charter of the United Nations and is charged with the primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security. As specified in Article 28 of the Charter, the Council is so organized as to be able to function continuously. The Council is authorized, under Article 29 of the Charter, to establish such subsidiary organs, as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions. There are currently 11 such organs: the Security Council Committee of Experts; the Security Council Committee on the Admission of New Members; the Security Council Committee on Council Meetings away from Headquarters; the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait; the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 748 (1992) concerning the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia; the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda; the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone; the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Afghanistan; the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia; and the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism. In addition, the Security Council has established a monitoring group to support the work of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) and 1363 (2001) and panels of experts connected to the Liberia and Somalia Sanctions Committees.

Table 3.8 **Resource requirements: Security Council**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005 (before recosting)*	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*
Regular budget				
Non-post	69.8	201.1	-	-
Total	**69.8**	**201.1**	-	-
Extrabudgetary	25.0	-	-	-

3.17 The resources indicated in table 3.8 above, including the increase owing to an increase in travel, relate mainly to the travel of chairpersons of the sanctions committees to assess first-hand the effectiveness and impact of sanctions imposed by the Security Council, and to external printing.

(b) Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

Resource requirements (before recosting): $58,600

3.18 The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People was established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 3376 (XXX) of 10 November 1975. The Committee meets throughout the year, as required, and submits an annual report to the General Assembly. In discharging its mandate to exert all efforts to promote the realization of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, the Committee participates in meetings, sends delegations on missions and invites, as necessary, prominent personalities or experts. Its mandate, which has been expanded over the years, was reaffirmed most recently by the General Assembly in its resolution 57/107 of 3 December 2002. It is envisaged that the Committee will remain in existence until a just, comprehensive and lasting settlement of the question of Palestine has been achieved, Israeli-Palestinian peace agreements are effectively implemented and the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people are fully realized.

Table 3.9 **Resource requirements: Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005 (before recosting)*	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*
Regular budget				
Non-post	58.6	58.6	-	-
Total	**58.6**	**58.6**	-	-

3.19 The resources indicated in table 3.9 above cover the travel of representatives of the Committee and prominent personalities invited by the Committee.

2. Executive direction and management

Resource requirements (before recosting): $6,901,900

3.20 The Office of the Under-Secretary-General provides overall policy direction, supervision and management of the Department. In addition to performing the functions of the head of department, the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs provides the Secretary-General with advice and support on political matters; convenes regular meetings of the Executive Committee on Peace and Security; provides political guidance and instructions to special envoys and special representatives of the Secretary-General; directs and manages good offices, fact-finding and other special political missions; undertakes consultations and negotiations relating to the peaceful settlement of disputes; advises the Secretary-General on matters relating to post-conflict peace-building, for which the Department is the focal point; and acts as the United Nations Focal Point for Electoral Assistance Activities.

3.21 In the exercise of his responsibilities, the Under-Secretary-General is assisted by two Assistant Secretaries-General. One Assistant Secretary-General supervises the Africa I and II Divisions and the Security Council Affairs Division and the other supervises the Americas and Europe Division, the Asia and the Pacific Division, the Division for Palestinian Rights and the Decolonization Unit. The Electoral Assistance Division reports directly to the Under-Secretary-General.

3.22 The Policy Planning Unit within the Office of the Under-Secretary-General develops policy options, undertakes background research and drafts analytical papers and documents on cross-cutting issues or emerging questions relevant to the Department.

3.23 The secretariat of the Executive Committee on Peace and Security, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/241 of 24 December 2001 supports the Under-Secretary-General in his role as the Convenor of the Committee, including through liaison with offices within and outside the Department in the preparation of substantive inputs to the work of the Committee and follow-up to its decisions. The secretariat reports directly to the Under-Secretary-General as the convenor of the Executive Committee on Peace and Security and, in his absence, to other senior United Nations officials who act as convenors of the Committee.

Table 3.10 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective: To ensure full implementation of legislative mandates and compliance with United Nations policies and procedures with respect to the management of the programme of work and of staff and financial resources.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Programme of work is effectively managed within available human and financial resources	(a) (i) Timely delivery of outputs and services (ii) Timely recruitment and placement of staff (iii) Optimal utilization of resources in accordance with priorities
(b) Quality of advice and support to the Secretary-General on matters within the mission of the department is ensured	(b) Outputs, delivered in a timely manner, satisfy the Secretary-General

(c) Coordinated development of policy system-wide in the area of peace and security is ensured and policy coherence in the management of peace and security activities of the United Nations is enhanced	(c) (i) Effectiveness of communication and coordination mechanisms for which the department is in the lead (ii) Improved communication with key partner departments and agencies
(d) Backstopping of special political missions, field offices and special envoys is improved	(d) More effective performance of field missions resulting from more timely and efficient Headquarters support

Table 3.11 **Resource requirements: executive direction and management**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005 (before recosting)*	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*
Regular budget				
Post	5 957.5	6 263.5	29	29
Non-post	491.0	638.4	-	-
Total	**6 448.5**	**6 901.9**	**29**	**29**

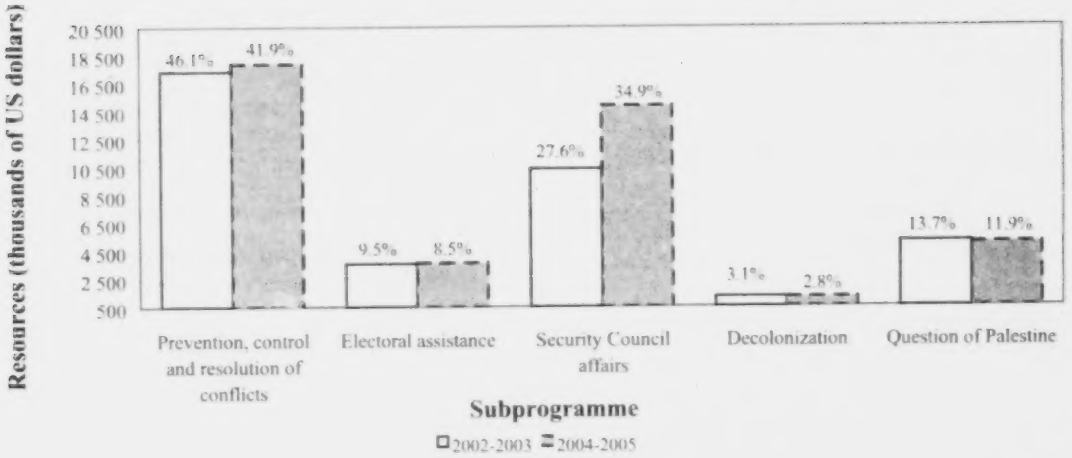
3.24 The resources indicated in table 3.11 above provide for the continuation of the existing posts in the Office of the Under-Secretary-General, including the Policy Planning Unit, the Offices of the two Assistant Secretaries-General, and the Executive Committee for Peace and Security secretariat. The increase in post resources relates to the delayed impact of the new posts approved in 2002-2003 for the secretariat of the Executive Committee on Peace and Security. The increase in non-post resources relates to services of consultants and experts on policy issues on prevention, control and resolution of conflicts, as well as on research and analysis; and travel of staff on the basis of expenditure patterns with respect to fact-finding missions, representational travel on behalf of the Secretary-General and participation in meetings of regional organizations.

3. Programme of work

Table 3.12 **Resource requirements by subprogramme**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Subprogramme	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005 (before recosting)*	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*
1. Prevention, control and resolution of conflicts	17 321.2	17 878.3	76	77
2. Electoral assistance	3 575.2	3 649.5	14	14
3. Security Council affairs	10 353.3	14 871.6	50	58
4. Decolonization	1 177.1	1 177.1	5	5
5. Question of Palestine	5 135.1	5 064.7	16	16
Total	**37 561.9**	**42 641.2**	**161**	**170**
Extrabudgetary	4 990.7	12 202.0	-	-

Regular budget resource requirements by subprogramme



Subprogramme 1
Prevention, control and resolution of conflicts

Resource requirements (before recosting): $17,878,300

3.25 The activities of this subprogamme will be implemented by the four regional divisions, namely Africa I, Africa II, the Americas and Europe and Asia and the Pacific.

3.26 During the biennium 2004-2005, activities will continue to focus on monitoring political developments relevant to peace and security worldwide; formulating recommendations on measures that could be taken by the United Nations, with the agreement of the Governments concerned, to help to prevent conflicts or to control and resolve ongoing conflicts; conducting and supporting political negotiations and to provide substantive direction for peace-building and other political missions in the field, as authorized by the General Assembly and Security Council; contributing to the Department s efforts to carry out its role as focal point for the United Nations system in conflict prevention and peacemaking, peace-building and on the subject of terrorism; and advancing the implementation of the relevant components of the United Nations Millennium Declaration.

Table 3.13 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective: To assist in the prevention, control and resolution of conflicts through peaceful means, as well as to promote a more cohesive and integrated response by the United Nations system in addressing post-conflict peace-building challenges facing countries emerging from crisis.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
Improved capability of the international community in the prevention, control and resolution of conflicts through preventive diplomacy, peace-making and post-conflict peace-building activities	(i) Number of potential, new and ongoing conflicts identified, addressed and/or settled *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 55 potential, new and ongoing conflicts addressed and/or settled through peaceful means Estimate 2002-2003: 68 potential, new and ongoing conflicts addressed and/or settled through peaceful means Target 2004-2005: 60 potential, new and ongoing conflicts addressed and/or settled through peaceful means (ii) Number of Member States in which preventive action, peacemaking, and post-conflict peace-building activities, including in cooperation with partners, are carried out *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 21 countries with post-conflict peace-building activities Estimate 2002-2003: 27 countries with post-conflict peace-building activities Target 2004-2005: 30 countries with post-conflict peace-building activities

External factors

3.27 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) there is the political determination and will on the part of Member States to cooperate in the full implementation of the subprogramme; and (b) there are no sudden and unforeseen political, economic and social developments that have an adverse impact on the subprogramme.

Outputs

3.28 During the biennium 2004-2005, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) General Assembly:

Parliamentary documentation: reports on cooperation between the United Nations and various regional and subregional organizations (8); reports on diverse peace and security questions (approximately 20);

(ii) Security Council: parliamentary documentation: reports on diverse peace and security questions (approximately 100);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Fact-finding missions: fact-finding and other special missions on behalf of the Secretary-General;

(ii) Technical material: analytical papers, assessment notes and background papers focusing on early warning, options and recommendations for preventive action and peace-building, keeping in mind a gender perspective;

(iii) Briefing notes, background papers, talking points, and profiles for the meetings of the Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General, both at Headquarters and away from New York;

(iv) Maintenance of divisional databases related to international peace and security issues for use by the Secretary-General and senior officials;

(v) Participation in seminars and academic meetings relevant to preventive diplomacy, peacemaking, and peace-building;

(vi) Political advice and guidance to special representatives and special envoys of the Secretary-General;

(vii) Substantive political support for peacemaking and peace-building efforts, including support to field operations;

(viii) Substantive support to United Nations negotiating efforts and good offices for the prevention and resolution of conflicts.

Table 3.14 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 1**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005 (before recosting)*	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*
Regular budget				
Post	16 673.4	17 037.3	76	77
Non-post	647.8	841.0	-	-
Total	**17 321.2**	**17 878.3**	**76**	**77**
Extrabudgetary	11 027.3	7 591.4	-	-

3.29 The resource requirements indicated in table 3.14 above provide for the continuation of the existing 76 posts and establishment of a single new P-4 post for the Americas and Europe Division, as well as for the non-post items, including general temporary assistance, consultants and travel. The increase in post costs relates to the delayed impact of two new posts approved in the biennium 2002-2003 for the Africa I and Africa II divisions and to the establishment of a new P-4 post. The new P-4 post is required to enable the Department to respond to the increased demand for closer monitoring and political analysis and to support good offices efforts in the Latin American region. The increase in non-post requirements provides for services of consultants and experts on issues pertaining to good offices efforts in Western Sahara, as well as the West African subregion, and other official travel of staff. Requirements for general temporary assistance and overtime remain at the maintenance level.

Subprogramme 2
Electoral assistance

Resource requirements (before recosting): $3,649,500

3.30 The objective of the subprogramme is to provide electoral assistance to Member States at their request and in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Security Council. The Electoral Assistance Division was created to support the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs in his capacity as the United Nations Focal Point for Electoral Assistance Activities, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/137.

3.31 Led by the Focal Point for United Nations Electoral Assistance Activities, this subprogramme, based on the findings of its needs-assessment missions, provides technical advice, including training, to requesting Member States on democratization processes, electoral laws, election organization and administration and on strengthening of national electoral institutions. The Electoral Assistance Division formulates projects and establishes partnerships with intergovernmental expert bodies, regional associations of electoral bodies, regional organizations and agencies and offices and programmes of the United Nations system. The subprogramme retains the institutional memory of more than a decade of United Nations electoral experience, maintains a system-wide roster of electoral experts and prepares guidelines, training materials and technical papers on the evolving nature of the electoral assistance.

3.32 During the biennium 2000-2001, Member States made 47 new requests for electoral assistance, while the subprogramme continued to respond to 9 requests carried over from the previous biennium, for a total of 56 requests. Assistance was provided in the biennium 2001-2002 in response to 37 of the 56 requests, with 11 of them involving medium-term assistance projects which continued into 2002-2003. The remaining 19 requests could not be met, owing either to the lack of adequate time to organize assistance, or to the absence of conditions to organize free and fair elections, and also to avoid duplication of efforts by other international actors. During the first 10 months of 2002, Member States submitted 22 new requests, for a running total of 33 requests for electoral assistance. During the biennium 2004-2005, the Division estimates that 45 new requests will be received for United Nations assistance in preparing for elections.

Table 3.15 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective: To render electoral assistance to Member States, on their request and in accordance with the relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, through the provision of necessary technical and advisory support in coordinating their electoral activities.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
Technical capacity of Member States requesting assistance for the conduct of elections in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions will be enhanced	(i) Provision of electoral assistance to Member States in response to their requests *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: assistance provided in response to 37 requests Estimate 2002-2003: assistance provided in response to 40 requests Target 2004-2005: assistance provided in response to 42 requests (ii) Increased transparency and accountability of electoral processes of Member States requesting assistance for the conduct of elections *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 37 mission assessment reports showing improvement in the transparency and accountability of electoral processes when compared to prior elections in countries receiving United Nations electoral assistance Estimate 2002-2003: 40 mission assessment reports showing improvement in the transparency and accountability of electoral processes when compared to prior elections in countries receiving United Nations electoral assistance Target 2004-2005: 42 mission assessment reports showing improvement in the transparency and accountability of electoral processes when compared to prior elections in countries receiving United Nations electoral assistance

External factors

3.33 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that the situation in each of the countries in which electoral assistance is requested is conducive to a fair and free election.

Outputs

3.34 During the biennium 2004-2005, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

General Assembly: parliamentary documentation: reports on the activities of the United Nations aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of elections in accordance with relevant resolutions and decisions;

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Fact-finding missions: needs-assessment missions to formulate strategic, system-wide responses to Member States requesting assistance in the conduct of their elections (40);

(ii) Technical material: maintenance of the United Nations competency-based electronic roster of electoral experts and of the institutional memory in the provision of electoral assistance (2);

(iii) Production and dissemination to Member States of technical guidelines and reference materials on democratization processes, electoral laws, election organization and administration (4);

(iv) Promotion of legal instruments: establishment of institutional partnerships and mechanisms for allocation of responsibilities with various organizations that can contribute electoral assistance to Member States (3);

(v) Seminars for outside users: training seminars and international symposiums for electoral administrators and staff at the regional and national levels on the design, planning and autonomous implementation of transparent and accountable electoral processes (2).

Table 3.16 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 2**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005 (before recosting)*	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*
Regular budget				
Post	3 293.3	3 293.3	14	14
Non-post	281.9	356.2	-	-
Total	**3 575.2**	**3 649.5**	**14**	**14**
Extrabudgetary	966.2	966.2	-	-

3.35 The requirements for this subprogramme, indicated in table 3.16 above, provide for the continuation of the existing 14 posts and for non-post items, including general temporary assistance, consultants, and official travel. The increase in non-post resources relates to services of electoral experts to prepare technical papers for symposiums and special studies on electoral legislation and reform, and to travel of staff for electoral assistance and needs-assessment missions.

Subprogramme 3
Security Council affairs

Resource requirements (before recosting): $14,871,600

3.36 The activities of this subprogramme are carried out by the Security Council Affairs Division, which consists of the following organizational units: the Office of the Director, the Security Council Secretariat Branch, the Security Council Subsidiary Organs Branch, the Security Council Practices and Charter Research Branch and the secretariat of the Military Staff Committee. The Division also provides secretariat support to the Counter-Terrorism Committee.

3.37 The Security Council was established under Article 7 of the Charter of the United Nations. As specified in Article 28 of the Charter, the Council is so organized as to be able to function continuously. It is authorized, under Article 29 of the Charter, to establish such subsidiary organs as it deems necessary. Such bodies, of either fixed or indeterminate duration, meet as required.

3.38 By its resolution 1373 (2001) of 28 September 2001, the Security Council established a Committee of the Security Council consisting of all the members of the Council to monitor the implementation of the provisions of the same resolution. The resources for the Committee for the biennium 2002-2003, which is known as the Counter-Terrorism Committee, have been provided under the provision for special political missions. As recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.17, para. 20) and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 57/292, the functions and resources relating to the Counter-Terrorism Committee for the biennium 2004-2005 would be consolidated under the Department of Political Affairs, in particular, under subprogramme 3, Security Council affairs.

3.39 During the biennium 2004-2005, the Security Council Affairs Division will continue to provide substantive support and services to the Security Council, its sanctions committees and other subsidiary organs, including, as required, substantive support and services for missions of the Security Council and of the chairpersons of sanctions committees, as well as for meetings of the Security Council away from Headquarters. Through the secretariat support for the Counter-Terrorism Committee, it will also provide substantive support and services to that Committee. Substantive, administrative and logistical support will also be provided to expert and monitoring groups related to various sanctions regimes. It will maintain necessary liaison with delegations, United Nations bodies and intergovernmental organizations and will respond to queries on constitutional and procedural issues. It will complete the twelfth Supplement to the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* and will strive to reduce the backlog in the preparation of subsequent supplements to the *Repertoire*.

Table 3.17 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective: The primary objective of this subprogramme is to provide advice and substantive services to the Security Council and its subsidiary organs.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
Deliberations and decision-making by the Security Council and its subsidiary organs will be facilitated through effective substantive services and support	Degree of satisfaction expressed by the members of the Security Council in the services provided by the Secretariat

Performance measures:

2000-2001: 90 per cent favourable feedback

Estimate 2002-2003: 90 per cent favourable feedback

Target 2004-2005: 90 per cent favourable feedback

External factors

3.40 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) there is political will on the part of Member States; and (b) the resources available are sufficient.

Outputs

3.41 During the biennium 2004-2005, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) General Assembly: parliamentary documentation, report of the Security Council to the General Assembly (2); notification by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly under paragraph 2 of Article 12 of the Charter of the United Nations (2);

(ii) Security Council:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: meetings and consultations of the Security Council as a whole (1,064); meetings of sanctions committees and other subsidiary organs of the Council, as required; meetings of informal working groups of the Council and bilateral and group consultations as required;

b. Parliamentary documentation: reports of the Secretary-General to the Security Council pursuant to legislative decisions, as required; summary statement by the Secretary-General on matters of which the Council is seized; reports and other documentation of subsidiary organs; and other documentation of the Security Council;

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Recurrent publications: the twelfth Supplement to the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council (1993-1995)*;

(ii) Technical material: continued development of the posting of Security Council documents on the United Nations home page on the Internet, including the *Repertoire*; further development of the integrated information database concerning the functioning of the Security Council and sanctions committees, including integration of appropriate external units; development and maintenance of a method for transferring documentation of the Council electronically to the members of the Council and appropriate external units; and development and maintenance of a roster of experts to facilitate speedy recruitment of qualified persons for panels of experts and/or monitoring groups mandated by the Security Council to assist and advise in the monitoring and implementation of sanctions;

(iii) Seminars for outside users: symposiums and working papers — contribution to the continuing dialogue on general issues regarding sanctions, including the refinement of the instrument to make it more effective and less injurious to vulnerable groups and third States.

Table 3.18 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 3**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005 (before recosting)*	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*
Regular budget				
Post	9 715.6	11 113.8	50	58
Non-post	637.7	3 757.8	-	-
Total	**10 353.3**	**14 871.6**	**50**	**58**
Extrabudgetary	183.5	188.5	-	-

3.42 The resource requirements for posts indicated in table 3.18 above provide for the continuation of the 50 existing posts, the delayed impact of one new post approved in the biennium 2002-2003 and the conversion of eight posts funded under general temporary assistance to temporary posts for the secretariat support to the Counter-Terrorism Committee and their transfer from the provision for special political missions and integration within subprogramme 3. The increase under non-post items largely reflects the transfer from special political missions of resources for consultants, travel, general operating expenses and supplies and equipment relating to the Counter-Terrorism Committee to this subprogramme.

Subprogramme 4
Decolonization

Resource requirements (before recosting): $1,177,100

3.43 The activities of this subprogramme will be carried out by the Decolonization Unit. It will provide substantive services to the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and monitor the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly. It follows developments in the remaining 16 Non-Self-Governing Territories and prepares working papers and other materials, including those related to the seminars and visiting missions, in order to facilitate the work of the Committee.

Table 3.19 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective 1: To promote the decolonization process in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and relevant resolutions of the General Assembly for the 16 remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories, so as to bring about the complete eradication of colonialism.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Provision of services to the Special Committee, its seminars and the General Assembly; production of effective research, analytical studies and reports on conditions in the Territories; execution of effective publicity campaigns; and provision of efficient assistance by specialized agencies and institutions associated with the United Nations to the people in the Non-Self-Governing Territories	(a) Degree of satisfaction indicated by Member States with services provided *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 0 incidents, or absence of expression of dissatisfaction with the services provided Estimate 2002-2003: 0 incidents, or absence of expression of dissatisfaction with the services provided Target 2004-2005: 0 incidents, or absence of expression of dissatisfaction with the services provided
(b) Progress made in the decolonization process in accordance with United Nations resolutions	(b) Level of progress made in the decolonization process in accordance with United Nations resolutions *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 0 incidents, or absence of expression of dissatisfaction with the services provided in support of decolonization process Estimate 2002-2003: 0 incidents, or absence of expression of dissatisfaction with the services provided in support of decolonization process Target 2004-2005: 0 incidents, or absence of expression of dissatisfaction with the services provided in support of decolonization process

Objective 2: To strengthen the dissemination of information on decolonization in order to mobilize world opinion and to ensure the provision of assistance by the specialized agencies and institutions associated with the United Nations to the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
Execution of effective publicity campaigns on behalf of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples	Degree of satisfaction expressed by Member States with the effectiveness of publicity campaigns and services provided by the Secretariat *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 0 incidents, or absence of expression of dissatisfaction Estimate 2002-2003: 0 incidents, or absence of expression of dissatisfaction Target 2004-2005: 0 incidents, or absence, of expression of dissatisfaction

External factors

3.44 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) the administering Powers will submit, in a timely manner, information on the Territories under their administration, pursuant to Article 73 of the Charter of the United Nations; (b) Member States will continue to support the decolonization process; (c) the specialized agencies will provide information on their activities in the Non-Self-Governing Territories; and (d) the administering Powers will cooperate with the Special Committee in the implementation of United Nations decisions regarding decolonization.

Outputs

3.45 During the biennium 2004-2005, the following services and outputs will be delivered:

Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(a) General Assembly:

(i) Substantive servicing: plenary meeting of the General Assembly (2); and plenary meetings of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (5);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation: annual reports on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations on offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories; and on information on Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations (2);

(b) Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples:

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary meetings of the Special Committee; Bureau meetings; informal consultations; meetings of the Special Committee's working groups and seminars (112);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation: working papers on the 16 Non-Self-Governing Territories (16);

(c) Economic and Social Council: parliamentary documentation: information submitted by the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system on their activities with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (2).

Table 3.20 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 4**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005 (before recosting)*	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*
Regular budget				
Post	1 152.7	1 152.7	5	5
Non-post	24.4	24.4	–	–
Total	**1 177.1**	**1 177.1**	**5**	**5**

3.46 The resource requirements indicated in table 3.20 above provide for the continuation of the existing five posts of the unit, as well as for general temporary assistance, overtime and official travel, at the maintenance level. Resources for visiting missions of the Special Committee and for travel of representatives from Non-Self-Governing Territories to participate in the work of the Special Committee are provided for separately under section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services.

Subprogramme 5
Question of Palestine

Resource requirements (before recosting): $5,064,700

3.47 This subprogramme provides substantive support and secretariat services for the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People. The peace process is expected to result in a negotiated settlement of all outstanding issues, which would be accompanied and followed up by peace-building measures for the Palestinian people, including sustained assistance. Supportive action by the United Nations will continue until all aspects of the question of Palestine are effectively resolved in a satisfactory manner in accordance with international legitimacy and until the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people are fully realized.

3.48 The subprogramme will be implemented by the Division for Palestinian Rights, in consultation with and under the guidance of the Committee. The mandate of the Division, established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977, has been expanded over the years and was most recently reaffirmed by the Assembly in its resolution 57/108 of 3 December 2002.

Table 3.21 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective: To enable the Palestinian people to exercise their inalienable rights.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
Through the work of the Division for Palestinian Rights, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will generate heightened international awareness of the question of Palestine, as well as international support for and consensus on the question of Palestine	(i) Increased level of dialogue, engagement and support from the international community for the subprogramme's objectives, as evidenced by the voting on the relevant resolutions *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 4 adopted resolutions Estimate 2002-2003: 4 adopted resolutions Target 2004-2005: 4 adopted resolutions (ii) Increased level of dialogue, engagement and support from the international community for the subprogramme's objectives, as evidenced by positive feedback from the members of and observers in the Committee. *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 2 positive evaluations in the annual report Estimate 2002-2003: 2 positive evaluations in the annual report Target 2004-2005: 2 positive evaluations in the annual report

External factors

3.49 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that the situation on the ground and developments in the political process are conducive to full implementation of the subprogramme.

Outputs

3.50 During the biennium 2004-2005, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People:

(i) Substantive servicing. Committee and Bureau meetings (50); eight international meetings or conferences (1 in North America, 2 in Europe, 2 in the Middle East, 1 in Africa, 1 in Asia and the Pacific and 1 in Latin America and the Caribbean), 2 meetings of consultation with civil society (1 each in New York and Geneva) (10);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation: annual reports of the Committee to the General Assembly (2); conference room papers containing the draft programme of work (2); committee correspondence; substantive notes, working papers, talking points, statements and other material for meetings of the Committee, Bureau and other meetings, in which the Committee participates (24); compilation of resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and Security Council relating to the question of Palestine (2); substantive notes, agendas, draft statements and final documentation and reports for eight international meetings and conferences and two consultations with civil society organizations (10);

(b) Other substantive activities

(i) Recurrent publications: annual bulletin and annual note on the commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (4); bimonthly NGO Action News (48); chronology of developments relating to the question of Palestine based on regular monitoring of news media, the Internet and various publications (monthly) (24); final reports of international meetings and conferences and consultation meetings convened under the auspices of the Committee (8); monthly bulletin on United Nations and intergovernmental action relating to the question of Palestine (24); periodic reviews of developments related to the Middle East peace process (6);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: studies and information notes (4);

(iii) Exhibits, guided tours, lectures: annual Palestinian exhibit at Headquarters, in connection with the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People including film screenings (2); briefings to United Nations officials, visitors, non-governmental organizations and others;

(iv) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: information materials and services, including in electronic form, and ongoing maintenance and expansion of the United Nations Information System on the Question of Palestine and Internet sites (24);

(v) Special events: annual observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People on 29 November; other special events organized at the discretion of the Committee (4); information sharing, outreach efforts and participation in meetings of civil society in support of the Committee's work and objectives (16);

(vi) Technical material: Administration, maintenance and development of the United Nations Information System on the Question of Palestine; databases on non-governmental organizations, experts and non-United Nations documentation; Internet and Intranet web sites of the Division and the Committee.

Table 3.22 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 5**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005 (before recosting)*	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*
Regular budget				
Post	3 245.7	3 245.7	16	16
Non-post	1 889.4	1 819.0	-	-
Total	**5 135.1**	**5 064.7**	**16**	**16**

3.51 The resource requirements shown in table 3.22 above provides for the continuation of the existing 16 posts and for non-post items at the maintenance level, including for general temporary assistance, consultants and experts, general operating expenses, travel of staff and supplies and equipment. The reduction in non-post portion is based on realized expenditure patterns mainly under travel.

4. Programme support

Resource requirements (before recosting): $4,131,800

3.52 The Executive Office provides administrative, managerial, and programme support necessary for the implementation of the mandated activities of the Department. It assists the Under-Secretary-General in the preparation of the proposed medium-term plan, the preparation and monitoring of the proposed programme budget, management of trust funds and extrabudgetary resources, relevant support services for the efficient utilization of human resources and the planning, control and coordination of requirements related to general office administration. In addition, it provides administrative and logistical support to a number of special representatives and envoys of the Secretary-General, as well as to most of the peace-building offices and political missions in the field. The Executive Office also handles the Department's information technology needs, including the maintenance and upgrading of computer equipment and user applications through its Information Management Team.

Table 3.23 **Resource requirements: programme support**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005 (before recosting)*	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*
Regular budget				
Post	2 029.4	2 074.6	13	13
Non-post	1 782.5	2 057.2	-	-
Total	**3 811.9**	**4 131.8**	**13**	**13**
Extrabudgetary	123.2	123.2	-	-

3.53 The resource requirements indicated in table 3.23 above provide for the continuation of the existing 13 posts and a reclassification of one General Service (Other level) post to the Principal level. The proposal for the reclassification is made in the light of the additional functions relating to the coordination of information technology requirements of the Department, including a dedicated help desk, information technology, training and maintenance. The increase in post costs relates to the reclassification of the General Service post. The non-post portion provides for temporary assistance for the short-term replacement of staff. Discontinuation of the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* results in a reduction of $140,700 for general temporary assistance requirements. The increase in other non-post costs relates to access to online services by a larger number of political and desk officers, increased level communications, especially with the field offices; supplies; general operating expenses of the Department; and replacement of furniture and equipment, including office automation equipment.

B. Special political missions

Resource requirements (before recosting): $163,178,100

3.54 In its resolution 57/280, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 9 of its report (A/57/636) that, for the purpose of the preliminary estimate, and bearing in mind the provisions of paragraph 11 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 41/213, the provision for special political missions related to peace and security that are expected to be extended or approved in the course of the biennium should not exceed $170 million.

3.55 As indicated in paragraphs 3.6 to 3.8 above, resources totalling $6,821,900, relating to the secretariat support to the Counter-Terrorism Committee and the Adviser for Special Assignments in Africa, would be transferred from the provision for special political missions and integrated into section 3, Political affairs, section 11, Africa: New Agenda for Development, and section 29D, Common support services.

3.56 Consequently, the resources for political missions related to peace and security that are expected to be extended or approved in the course of the biennium 2004-2005 would amount to $163,178,100. As in the biennium 2002-2003, the utilization of the amount will be subject to individual legislative mandates and approval by the General Assembly as and when the Assembly and/or the Security Council establish or renew such mandates. Detailed justification of resource requirements will be submitted to the General Assembly through the Advisory Committee in the same manner as statements of programme budget implications and revised estimates. Once the Advisory Committee has reviewed such proposals and made its recommendations, it will be up to the General Assembly to agree that such requirements will represent an appropriate charge against the balance of $163,178,100 for special political missions.

3.57 Any additional requirement above the provisions of $163,178,100 will continue to be treated as at present in accordance with the provisions of annex I, paragraph 11, of General Assembly resolution 41/213.

Table 3.24 **Resource requirements: special political missions**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005 (before recosting)*	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*
Regular budget				
Non-post	193 389.7	163 178.1	-	-
Total	**193 389.7**	**163 178.1**	**-**	**-**
Extrabudgetary	2 036.1	2 036.1	-	-

3.58 The above provisions reflect the provision in General Assembly resolution 57/280, in which the Assembly endorsed the recommendation of the Advisory Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/57/636).

C. Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process

Resource requirements (before recosting): $11,234,100

3.59 In June 1994, the Secretary-General appointed the first United Nations Special Coordinator in the Occupied Territories, with a view to ensuring the coordinated work of the United Nations system for an adequate response to the needs of the Palestinian people and to mobilize financial, technical, economic and other assistance. The appointment was made concurrent with the full establishment of the Palestinian Authority, in accordance with the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements and the Agreement on the Gaza Strip and the Jericho Area signed by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization in September 1993 and May 1994, respectively. The appointment of the Special Coordinator was welcomed by the General Assembly in its resolution 49/88 of 16 December 1994. In February 1997, the functions of the Special Representative to the multilateral talks on Middle East peace were combined with those of the United Nations Special Coordinator in the Occupied Territories.

3.60 In September 1999, taking into account developments in the Middle East peace process, the Secretary-General decided to establish a new position of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and his Personal Representative to the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian Authority. This new arrangement subsumed the previous functions and responsibilities of the United Nations Special Coordinator in the Occupied Territories.

3.61 The main objective of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General to the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian Authority is to enhance United Nations assistance to the Middle East peace process by ensuring that the Organization is well prepared to respond in a rapid, effective and coordinated manner to requests by the parties related to their negotiations or to the implementation of political agreements. In this regard, the Office of the Special Coordinator provides a well-recognized focal point within the United Nations system vis-à-vis the parties to the peace process, regional and international actors, and international and multilateral institutions. The Special Coordinator also serves as the United Nations focal point for the socio-economic aspects of the peace process and related United Nations development assistance for Jordan, Lebanon, the Occupied Palestinian Territory and the Syrian Arab Republic.

3.62 In the biennium 2004-2005, the basic orientation of the Special Coordinator will be to provide a comprehensive framework for United Nations diplomatic and socio-economic support to the peace process within the Occupied Palestinian Territory and the subregion. Much of that work will be carried out within the scope of the Quartet, made up of the United Nations, the European Union, the Russian Federation and the United States of America, which meets at the level of foreign ministers, including the Secretary-General. In addition, the Quartet meets at the level of envoys to the region. Events of the biennium 2002-2003, characterized by escalating violence, the reoccupation of the West Bank and a rising humanitarian crisis in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, have underscored the importance of donor coordination, a focus on the policy aspects of essential socio-economic development and humanitarian assistance and the role of good offices of the Special Coordinator through the mechanism of the Quartet, which could help to restart the stalled peace process in a common framework that recognizes the interlinkages between the Israeli-Palestinian and the regional aspects of the Middle East situation.

3.63 Past experiences suggest that unforeseen situations, and with them the role of the Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, will continue to evolve.

Crisis conditions will require still further humanitarian coordination efforts, and impose complex travel and security demands on the Office.

3.64 With frequent calls on the Secretary-General's good offices, increased demands on the United Nations from the parties related to the peace process and increased emphasis on the regional dimension of the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, the greater emphasis of the Special Coordinator's work will continue to be on diplomatic support to the parties in their negotiations and support for any peace settlement on all tracks of the peace process.

Table 3.25 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective: To enhance the United Nations political, diplomatic and socio-economic support to the Middle East Peace Process by ensuring that the Organization is prepared to respond in a rapid, effective and coordinated manner to requests by the parties related to their negotiations or to the implementation of political agreements.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Progress towards a comprehensive settlement of the Middle East conflict, including the question of Palestine	(a) Increased frequency of negotiations between the parties, leading to a lessening of tension *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 100 meetings Estimate 2002-2003: 80 meetings Target 2004-2005: 150 meetings
(b) Briefing to national authorities, the international community, donor and United Nations bodies on local and regional socio-economic trends	(b) (i) Provision of timely and incontrovertible economic reporting on the state of the Palestinian economy *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 8 reports Estimate 2002-2003: 8 reports Target 2004-2005: 8 reports (ii) Provision of timely and incontrovertible economic reporting on the state of the economies of the subregion (Jordan, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic) *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 2 reports Estimate 2002-2003: 2 reports

Target 2004-2005: 2 Reports

External factors

3.65 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) there will be political will on the part of all parties to maintain a ceasefire and enter into a meaningful framework of political dialogue, and to cooperate with the Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process in the performance of its functions; (b) there will be adequate political and financial support by Member States; and (c) the security situation in the area is favourable.

Outputs

3.66 During the biennium 2004-2005, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: updated directory of non-governmental organizations in the West Bank; updated directory of non-governmental organizations in Gaza; updated directory of international non-governmental organizations;

(ii) Political reporting to the Secretary-General, the Department of Political Affairs and Department of Peacekeeping Operations, as required;

(iii) Briefing to the Security Council, as required;

(iv) Maintenance of contacts with Governments and their accredited representatives in the region;

(v) Press releases, press conferences: press conferences: press meetings with the Arab press; press releases; establishment and maintenance of contacts with media;

(vi) Technical material: assistance and guidance in support of donor coordination mechanism; collection and analysis of relevant substantive information;

(vii) Documentation for inter-agency meetings: reports on the socio-economic aspects of the peace process in Jordan, Lebanon and the Syrian Arab Republic; quarterly reports on the economic situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory;

(b) Conference services, administration, oversight (regular budget): organization of regular meetings and consultations (150) with the relevant parties and actors.

Table 3.26 **Resource requirements: Office of the Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005 (before recosting)*	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*
Regular budget				
Post	8 319.2	8 729.7	48	54
Non-post	1 890.7	2 504.4	-	-
Total	**10 209.9**	**11 234.1**	**48**	**54**

3.67 The resources requirements indicated in table 3.26 above provide for the continuation of the existing 48 posts, establishment of additional 6 new posts (1 P-3, 1 Security Service; 4 General Service (Local level); consultancy services for expertise not available in-house; travel of the

Special Coordinator and his staff; general operating expenses, including rental and maintenance of premises, communications and maintenance of equipment; hospitality; stationery and office supplies; and replacement of furniture and equipment. The increase in post costs relates to the establishment of six new posts for strengthening the security in the mission area, as recommended by the United Nations Security Service, following an assessment of the security situation in the area. The increase in non-post costs relates to requirements for additional and unanticipated travel arising from unforeseen situations in the area; to general operating expenses, especially for communications for the same reason; and to acquisition and replacement of communication and transportation equipment to strengthen the security situation following a recent security assessment of the mission area.

Table 3.27 **Summary of follow-up action taken to implement relevant recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the internal and external oversight bodies**

Brief description of the recommendation	*Action taken to implement the recommendation*
Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/56/7, chap. II)	
The Committee recommended that, to the extent possible, internal printing facilities be utilized for the *Official Records of the Security Council* and reports of its subsidiary bodies (para. II.9).	The *Official Records* and other publications initiated by the Security Council Affairs Division are submitted for processing to the Documents Control Section of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, which determines whether a document can be printed internally, depending on the internal printing capacity.
The budget proposal should include information on the relationship between workload and resource needs, as requested by the Committee in its report on the implementation of the report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations (A/55/676, para. 26). In the next proposed programme budget, the Secretary-General should explain the reasons requests for electoral assistance were not met (para. II.12).	Information has been included in the narrative part of the present fascicle under subprogramme 2, Electoral assistance.
The Committee trusted that the backlog for the production of the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* would be eliminated in the envisaged time frame; if problems developed, the Secretary-General should report to the General Assembly with proposed solutions (para. II.13).	The Secretariat continues to work on the backlog and, in that regard, resources in general temporary assistance are requested, at the maintenance level, under the Security Council Affairs Division.

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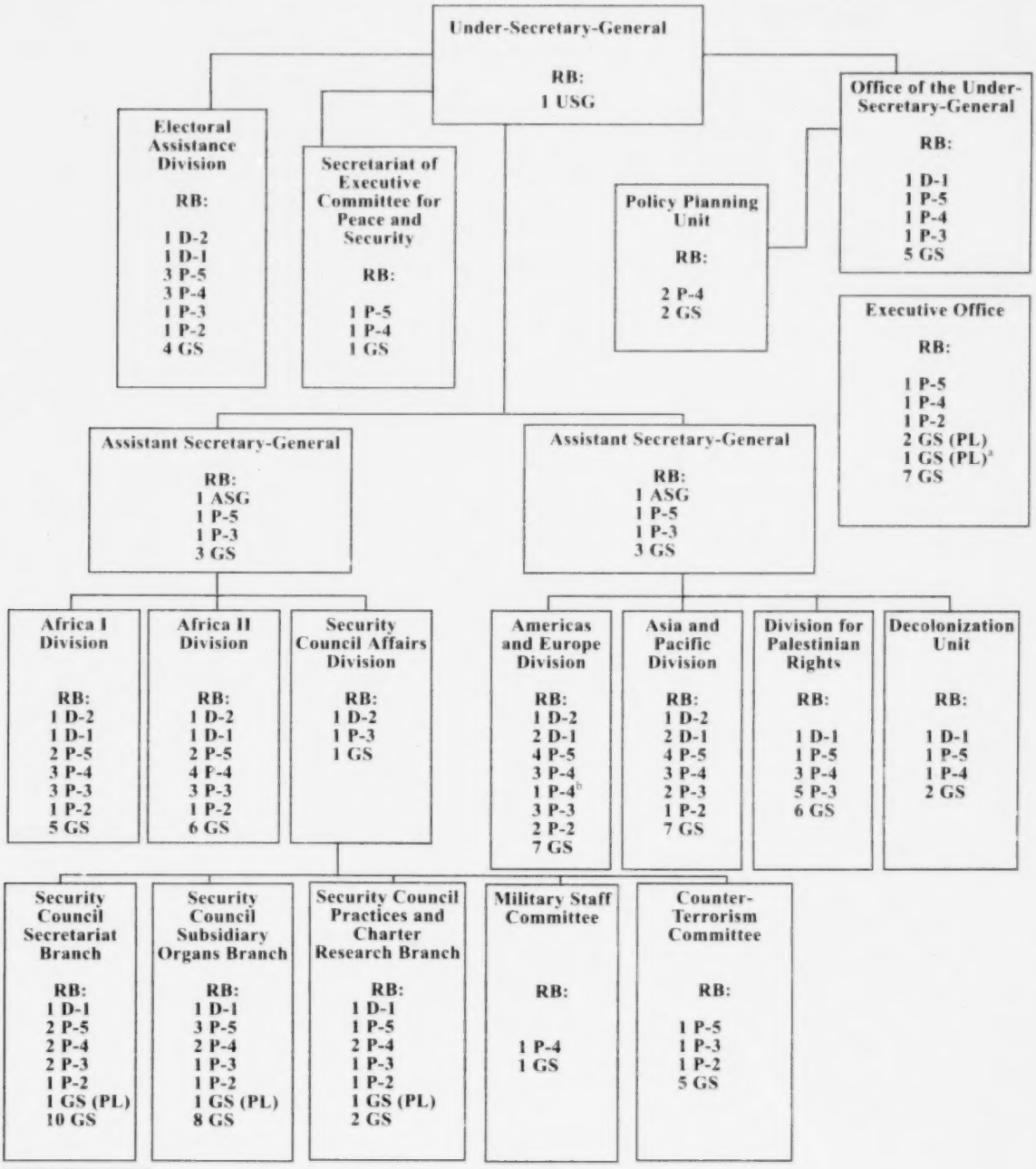

Abbreviations: RB, regular budget; GS, General Service; PL, Principal level.

[a] New posts.

[b] Reclassification.

Annex

Recurrent outputs not to be carried out in the biennium 2004-2005

A/56/6 Paragraph	*Output*	*Quantity*	*Reason for discontinuation*
3.32 (b) (i)	Contributions to volume III of Supplement 6 to the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs*	1	Programme budget outputs related to the production of the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* have been eliminated from these proposals, as the *Repertory* will no longer be produced by the United Nations
Total		**1**	

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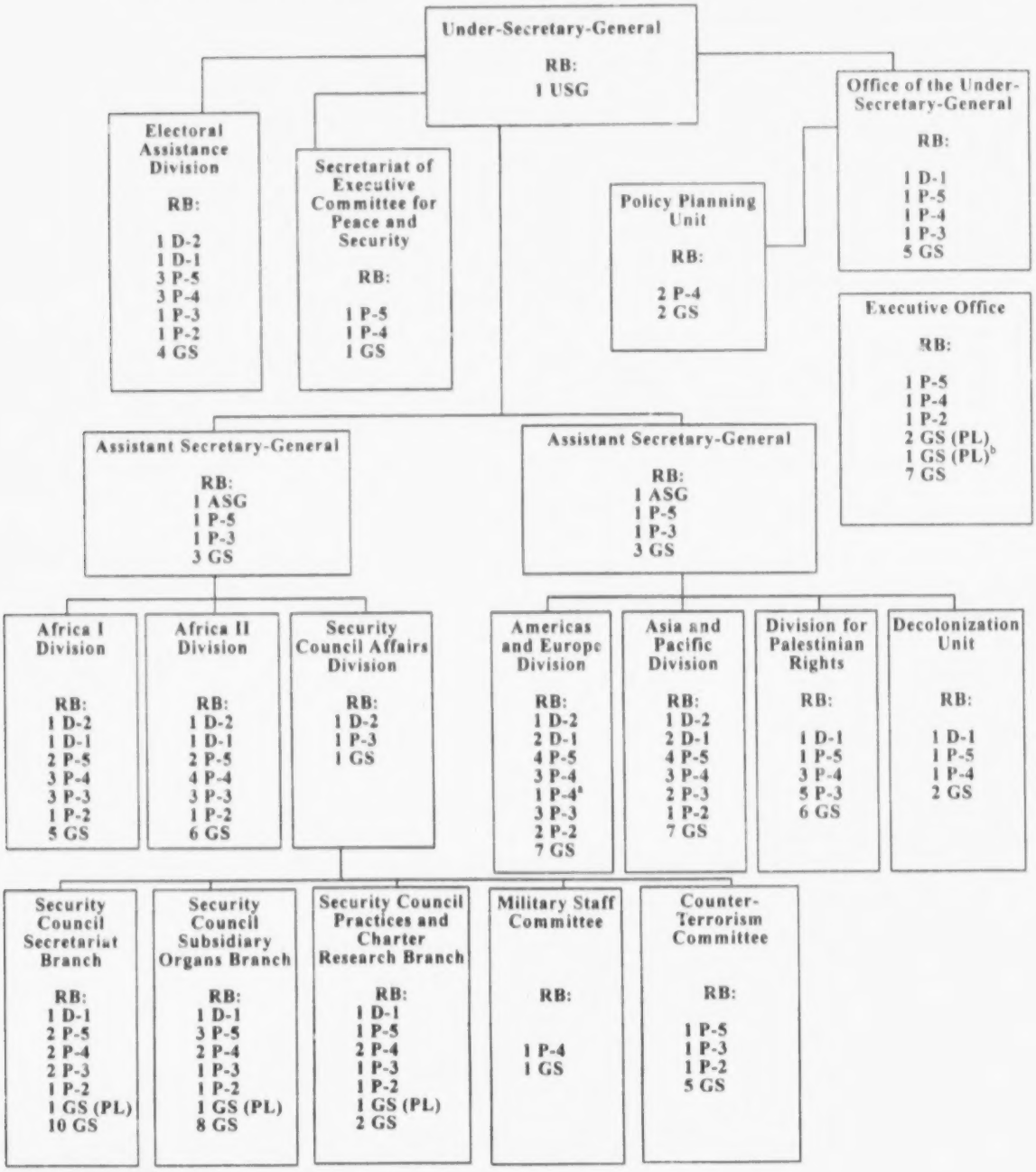

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